



THE PREF PROPELLER

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SUPT.'S CORNER



As Superintendent of the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility, I am pleased to release the first issue of THE PREF PROPELLER. Hopefully, this newsletter will assist in opening the lines of communication among the facility and also keep staff and residents up-to-date on current events. I encourage all staff to not only read the newsletter, but also submit suggestions for articles. It can become difficult to keep up with all the daily activities of the facility, but with your help, we can be more informed. A newsletter suggestion box will be placed in the Administration building for all staff to utilize. I am looking forward to this project and its effectiveness, but without you it won't be possible. Please help in creating something that we can all be proud of.

Thank you,
Superintendent, Michael Lloyd

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Mr. Dalton Haney
Public Information Officer

Mr. Haney is a one year veteran of the Indiana Department of Correction and of the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility. He began his career as a Re-Entry Coordinator and was soon given the role as the acting Executive Assistant. Mr. Haney has recently received the position of Public Information Officer, effective January 8, 2007.

OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL

On December 19 and 21, 2006, the Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility (PREF) presented its version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" through theater. The play was organized and performed by residents and attended by approximately 100 Indiana Department

of Correction staff as well as the family and friends of the residents who were involved.

GOT ISSUES?

Any PREF residents who have issues that they would like addressed by the Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, or other administrative staff should bring these issues to their respective dorm representative. A responsibility of the dorm representatives is to speak on behalf of the entire dorm. Each week, the dorm representatives meet with Mr. Dalton Haney and any other administrative staff wishing to attend the meetings which occur on Friday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. During these meetings, issues important to individuals or the entire dorm are brought up and discussed. Minutes are taken by Mr. Haney and forwarded to the Superintendent for review. The intention is to post valid and honest answers to resident's questions and issues in the dorm on a weekly basis. Each resident is encouraged to contact their respective dorm representative with any issues that they feel to be important to daily life in the dorms or to re-entry.

DELI UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Written by:
Assistant Superintendent, John George

ARAMARK and the Administration are dedicated to making the New Beginnings Deli available for staff as well as residents. Part of that process includes offering selections that are appealing. To that end, I am requesting each of you recommend items you would like to see offered for

consumption. This would include items prepared by ARAMARK and our own Culinary Arts class.

SECOND CHANCE

Many of you, staff and residents alike, have questions regarding the Second Chance program. This program has two components which are completed by residents here at PREF. After successful completion of the two components, residents are offered an opportunity to complete the program upon release from PREF. The program begins with taking the Work Keys assessment test. The second component consists of a one week Life Skills class. After successful completion of the class and release from PREF, residents should report to a two week hands-on, job readiness training class. Following this class, the resident will be placed with a company who pays at a minimum, \$10 per hour. This program is designed for those who are interested in a career with the construction industry. Interested residents should inform their Re-Entry Specialist III's who should refer qualified residents to their respective Re-Entry Specialist II's for approval.

LOCAL COLLEGE TOURS PREF

On Monday, January 8, 2007, local college, DePauw University, visited PREF for an educational tour of the facility and an overview of the concept of re-entry. The touring class is taught by Professor Kelsey Kauffman, who recently assisted with the Kwanza celebration here at PREF. Thank you all for extending your courtesy to the visiting class and accompanying guests.